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## Statement: Announcement of Clean Water Initiative

MADISON – Rep. Todd Novak released the following statement in response to the announcement that Clean Wisconsin, Dairy Business Association, The Nature Conservancy, and Land & Water are forming an initiative to advocate for clean water.

"Partnerships like the one announced today are the key to addressing water quality challenges in our state," said Novak. "I believe our work on the Water Quality Task Force laid the foundation for groups who may not always agree to come together and advocate for shared goals. I'm very excited to see farmers and conservationists stepping up to the challenge and look forward to continued collaboration in the upcoming legislative session."

The announcement outlines four guiding policy principles: ensuring access to clean drinking water, revising the CAFO permit program, improving the non-point program, and supporting current conservation initiatives.

"These are bold but necessary initiatives that will require us to put aside political differences and act in good faith to recognize and improve upon the integral role our farmers play in protecting clean water."

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Announcement: http://www.thewheelerreport.com/wheeler docs/files/121520agriculture.pdf